

Abstract

5 The present invention provides an apparatus  
for supporting a seat back in a vehicle comprising an  
aluminum I-beam formed in a generally U-shaped configu-  
ration, and having opposing ends supported with respect  
to the vehicle for forming a seat back frame. Also  
provided is a method of manufacturing a vehicle seat  
back frame, comprising: a) extruding an aluminum I-beam;  
b) cutting the I-beam to a desired length; c) age-  
10 hardening the I-beam; and d) bending the I-beam into a  
substantially U-shaped configuration to form a vehicle  
seat back frame.